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FM AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

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INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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DEPT PASS LABOR
BEIRUT FOR RLA

E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJ: BLS LABOR STATISTICS PROGRAM

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH AHMED MANSOUR IT BECOMING
INCREASINGLY APPARANT THAT UAE UNABLE TO SEND
PARTICIPANTS TO SUBJECT SEMINAR. MANSOUR HAS
REVIEWED QUALIFICATIONS OF THE THREE CANDIDATES
FROM PLANNING MINISTRY AND BELIEVES ONLY ONE
ACADEMICALLY QUALIFIED FOR SEMINAR. THIS MAN'S
SERVICES DESPERATELY NEEDED IN ABU DHABI AND
MINISTRY CANNOT SPARE HIM AT THIS TIME.

2. MANSOUR CONTACTED OTHER FEDERAL MINISTRIES
IN ATTEMPT FIND OTHER CANDIDATES BUT HE SO FAR
UNSUCCESSFUL.

3. MAIN PROBLEM OF COURSE HAS BEEN MANSOUR HIMSELF.
EVEN AFTER HIS RETURN TO ABU DHABI ON OCT. 11 HIS FIRST
DAY IN OFFICE WAS OCT. 18. MANSOUR'S GOOD INTENTIONS
EXCEEDED TO HIS ADMINISTRATIVE EFFECTIVENESS. EVENIF
MANSOUR HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL, BELIEVE OTHER BUREAUCRATIC
OBSTACLES WOULD HAVE TURNED UP. GETTING CANDIDATES FROM
OTHER MINISTRIES WOULD HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED BY INTERNAL
DEBATE ON WHO PICKS UP THE TAB. EFFECTING PAYMENT THROUGH
UAE WASHINGTON EMBASSY WOULD HAVE PUBLLED IN FOREIGN
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AFFAIRS MINISTRY PERHAPS EVEN THE CABINET TO AUTHORIZE

EXPENDITURES.

4. MANSOUR REMAINS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT SEMINAR, STATES THAT WHILE COSTS ARE HIGH MONEY IS NO OBSTACLE. MORE LEAD TIME REQUIRED HE SAYS SAGELY. EMBASSY RUEFULLY AGREES. EMBASSY WISHES EXPRESS ITS APPRECIATION TO BLS FOR ITS EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF UAE PARTICIPATION IN SUBJECT SEMINAR AND WE REGRET THAT ALL CAME TO NAUGHT. WE BELIEVE IT IS WORTH ANOTHER TRY, HOWEVER, IF WE CAN ALLOW SIX MONTHS LEAD TIME FOR NEXT SESSION.
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